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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Please insert the following heading immediately prior to line 1 of page 1:

1. Technical Field

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2. Related Art

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION AND ADVANTAGES

Please delete the paragraph beginning on line 22 of page 2 in its entirety as follows:

~~The present invention achieves this objective by virtue of the characteristics described under Patent Claim 1. Advantageous further developments of the process proposed by the present invention are set forth in the relevant subordinate patent claims.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 26 of page 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The basic principle of the present invention ~~consists in~~ involves suspending the rubber ring seal from a carrying frame and keeping it there throughout the manufacturing, testing and transport phases of its production. Another substantial advantage of this approach becomes clear in the mounting phase. That is when the rubber ring seal is detached from the frame.

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